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1. During the week beginning 4 July 1954 a major train disaster occurred on the electric railway line between Skierniewice and Warsaw. It is believed that traffic on this line was still suspended as of 14 July.
2. Early in July 1954 the leather, textile, and clothing industries dumped large amounts of goods of inferior quality on the Lodz retail market. Some items were reduced 40 percent in price. All the Lodz shops were full of this merchandise. Retailers were unable to move enough of the goods to meet their sales quotas and hence were unable to earn the customary bonuses for sales above a certain level.
3. Living costs for a family of four in Lodz in July 1954 amounted roughly to 2,500 zloty per month. The average monthly salary, however, was only approximately 700 zloty.

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